

Dallas AORN Leadership Council Meeting  
February 13, 2024

Kate called the meeting to order at 1805

In Attendance: Kate Bhole, Kristen Dvorzszak, JD Buchert, Sherah Jackson, Terri Goodman, Karen Hammett, Cheri Ackert-Burr

Welcome – Kate introduced Cheri Ackert-Burr who's moved from Houston to Manchester. Cheri will be presenting at the AORN Global Conference, The Lumen Dilemma, addressing proper instrument handling and repair. Her presentation will be on Saturday at 10:45 and JD will be presenting at 9:00 am.

January Meeting Minutes – Have already been posted on the website.

Treasurer report – no report

Recognition/Awards - no known recognitions or awards

Cookbook – The Austin chapter president has shared their cookbook with us and given us permission to incorporate their recipes into our cookbook. JD will prioritize completion of the cookbook after the AORN conference. Greg has been ill and unable to assist. JD has 16 recipes that need to be keyed into the template. Karen has the previously published Dallas AORN cookbooks and will choose recipes to send to JD to incorporate into the new project. Upon completion, the cookbook will be available for ordering through Amazon. Kirsten and Cheri volunteered to help JD with cookbook. Recipes will be accepted until the end of May, and the cookbook will be released this summer.

Journal Club – eChapter's Journal Club meeting is this Saturday at 1300. The topic is Telesurgery – The Future is Here, exciting advances in remote robotic surgery.

TCORN Updates – TCORN leadership restructured their bylaws and they are posted for review on the TCORN website until February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Voting to accept/reject the proposed bylaws will be open for one week ending March 1<sup>st</sup> TCORN bylaws are structured similarly to the Dallas Chapter bylaws.

Smoke Evacuation Legislation -- Voting on the new state regulations will happen soon. All preliminary requirements for smoke evacuation have passed so far. Legislation, if approved, will take effect this summer.

AORN 2024 Conference

Delegates from the Dallas chapter are as follows: Kate, JD, Sherah, Karen, and Terri.

Requirements for reimbursement – Delegates must attend both Forums, the House of Delegates, and must vote. Delegates will present at our March meeting. Each delegate will highlight a session from the conference with a short slide presentation.

JD moved and the council approved a \$1,000.00 stipend for each delegate with documentation of the completion of the delegate requirements.

Happy hour – Our last happy hour went really well, and was well attended. The board suggested a quarterly Happy Hour. The next event will be on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 at the Happiest Hour at 2616 Olive Street 75201.

Nominations for President Elect are now open. The President-Elect serves one year, orienting to the role with the current President, then assumed the President role for two years.

Newly elected officers take office at the May meeting.

JD nominated Sherah Jackson. If Sherah is elected, a new Secretary will be elected for the remaining one year of her term.

JD recommended a summer retreat to orient newly elected officers to their roles.

Future education/speakers/topic ideas

March meeting will be a recap of AORN conference by the delegate presenters Each presenter will have a five slide power point presentation

May meeting: Cheri will present one of her three presentations that have been approved for contact hours.

Future leadership meetings - we will continue to schedule the meeting during the month before our chapter meeting.

Future ideas/goals. Kathleen had offered to have new members get together at her house.

Kerilynn Johnson, AORN's chapter liaison, can provide a digital copy of new members for the Dallas AORN chapter.

Adjourn: 1855